



STATE OF ARKANSAS

# House of Representatives

October 13, 2009

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

*RE: Broadband industry Practices (WC Docket No 07-52)*

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

As an elected state legislator I am deeply concerned with what's best for my constituents. One of the best things in recent years, particularly in my Northwest Arkansas district, is the expansion of both wired and wireless broadband service. Internet is a tremendous asset for business, education and residential users, and I'm pleased that most people here have a choice of several providers. Today, however, I am concerned that your proposed net neutrality regulations are one of the worst things that could happen for my constituents.

I agree that Internet access should be free and open, and in that regard the existing FCC principles on net neutrality are working well. The proposed new regulations appear to be an attempt to over-reach and address a problem that doesn't exist. Your own analysis shows only a literal handful of net neutrality infractions since the Internet was created, and those were corrected quickly. Internet providers understand that unhappy customers can move to a competitor, and that powerful market force is all the net neutrality regulation we need.

Net neutrality regulations will harm to our economy and my constituents by putting a chill on investment and innovation. We know that the broadband and wireless industries must continue networks investments to meet growing consumer demand here and elsewhere. Similarly, your agency has estimated another \$350 billion is required just to reach those who don't have access today. There is never a good time for needless federal regulation, but the worst time would be now, while our national and regional economies are struggling to recover.

Let companies keep investing and competing – put aside the net neutrality regulations and focus on broadband deployment. My constituents and I will thank you.

Sincerely,

Tim Summers, State Representative

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